

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

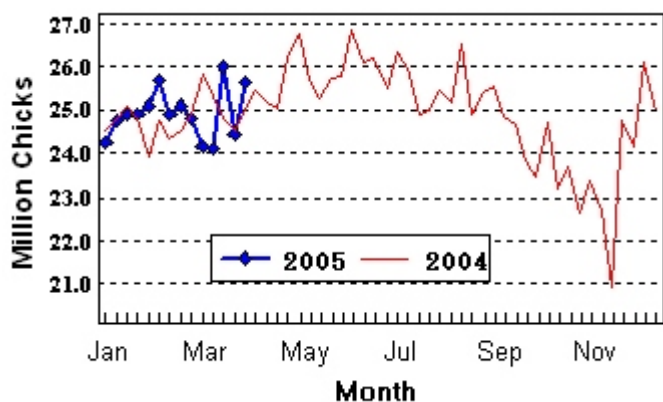
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 25.7 million during the week ending April 2, 2005. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2004, and up 5 percent from the revised previous week, and included 3.3 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from January 2 through April 2, 2005 were 348.9 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 26.1 million, up 1 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down slightly from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.4 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 84.6 percent.

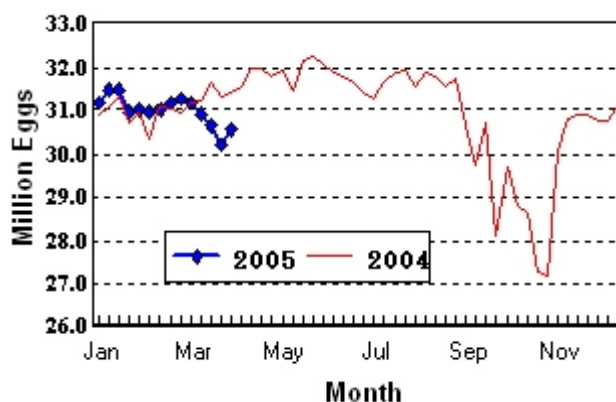
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.5 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 2, 2005, down 3 percent from the same period last year, but up 1 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change	2004	2005	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Feb. 26	24,911	24,831	100	25,002	25,908	104	30,948	31,285	101
Mar. 5	25,837	24,187	94	25,559	25,946	102	31,160	31,198	100
Mar. 12	25,314	24,126	95	25,468	26,142	103	31,225	30,893	99
Mar. 19	24,832	26,004	105	25,561	26,406	103	31,636	30,657	97
Mar. 26	24,532	24,483	100	25,833	26,218	101	31,331	30,173	96
Apr. 2	24,998	25,665	103	25,848	26,122	101	31,453	30,537	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2004-2005



EGGS SET, 2004 - 2005



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2005

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr		26-Feb	05-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	02-Apr	
Alabama	30,029 *	29,970	30,671	30,740	100	21,639	21,620	21,525	21,507	21,502	21,408	98
ARKANSAS	30,893 *	30,657	30,173	30,537	97	24,831	24,187	24,126	26,004	24,483 *	25,665	103
Delaware	3,906	4,071	3,809 *	3,943	105	6,723	5,948	6,085	5,964	5,408 *	4,962	104
Florida	1,359	1,358	1,359	1,356	101	1,437	1,503	1,305	1,483	1,545	1,560	101
Georgia	33,375	33,439	32,855	31,702	98	27,102	27,800	27,155	27,484	27,635 *	27,362	101
Kentucky	7,177 *	6,698	6,876 *	7,257	99	6,286	5,679	6,485	5,824	6,064 *	6,058	104
Louisiana	4,075	4,135	4,133	4,165	107	3,746	3,581	4,101	3,514	4,227	3,834	101
Maryland	8,977	8,981	8,858 *	8,566	96	4,214	5,122	4,921	4,785	5,529 *	5,763	97
Mississippi	19,465	19,617	19,665	19,539	100	17,963	17,817	17,544	17,492	17,543 *	17,641	106
N. Carolina	18,766 *	18,818	18,844	18,628	97	14,556	15,140	14,881	15,097	15,337	15,148	100
Oklahoma	6,508	6,285	6,810 *	6,187	95	5,560	6,359	5,452	5,214	5,127	5,163	103
Pennsylvania	4,286	4,046	3,987 *	4,063	107	3,146	3,108	3,078	2,877	3,113 *	3,182	115
S. Carolina	5,283	5,247	5,275	5,196	153	4,449	3,957	4,633	4,277	3,753	4,232	101
Texas	15,130 *	15,080 *	15,108 *	15,403	100	12,715 *	12,748 *	12,906 *	12,957 *	12,891 *	12,885	103
Virginia	6,554	6,778	6,749	6,678	100	5,372	4,447	4,997	5,523	5,442	5,498	105
CA,MO,TN,WV	17,846 *	17,750 *	18,295 *	18,228	103	17,060 *	17,246 *	17,578 *	16,252 *	17,239 *	16,538	103
Total 2005	213,629 *	212,930 *	213,467 *	212,188		176,799 *	176,262 *	176,772 *	176,254 *	176,838 *	176,899	
Total 2004	210,601	210,144	211,188	211,621		168,319	169,208	170,698	171,783	172,347	173,152	
%Prev. Year	101	101	101	100		105	104	104	103	103	102	
Approximate Marketing Date 2005.....						16-Apr	23-Apr	30-Apr	07-May	14-May	21-May	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP SLIGHTLY

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 212 million eggs during the week ending April 2, 2005. This was up slightly from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 177 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 2, 2005. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2005 through April 2, 2005 were 2.28 billion, up 4 percent from the same period a year earlier.